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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Geologists
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Friday, June 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	September 11, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Douglas Rambo, President, Professional Member
William "Sandy" Schenck, Vice President, Professional Member
David Reinhold, Professional Member
Maureene LaFate, Public Member
Judith Nicholas, Public Member
Kenneth Dryden, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF

Amanda McAtee, Administrative Specialist II
Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT

Steven Smailer, Professional Member

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rambo called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the May 8, 2015 meeting. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reinhold, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of Audits

Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Ms. LaFate, to approve the audits of the names listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

Barrett Borry
Stan Carpenter
Christopher Horan
Scott Allman Summers
Alex Yankaskas
Joel Lazzeri

Bruce Middleman
Terence O'Reilly
Barbara Rudnick
Mark Leipert
Gregory Smoot
Lieschen Fish
David Iseri

Review of Audits

Mark Turner

Mr. Rambo reviewed the audit of Mark Turner. Mr. Rambo stated that Mr. Turner renewed his license during the late period because he had realized that he had not completed the entire amount of required continuing education (CE). He completed CE credits after the licensure period and then renewed his license once he had completed all of the credits. Mr. Schenck stated that he felt the Board should refer Mr. Turner to the hearing officer. Mr. Reinhold stated that he felt that Mr. Turner falsely attested on the renewal because he did not complete the CE requirements. Ms. McAtee stated that it could be viewed that he did not falsely attest because he waited until he completed the credits and then renewed his license to avoid falsely attesting.

Ms. Kelly read Rules 6.2 and 6.3 from the rules and regulations for the Board:

6.2 Licenses are renewed biennially (every two years on the even year) on September 30 (e.g. September 30, 2006, 2008). Continuing education (CE) reporting periods run concurrently with the biennial licensing period.

6.3 Each licensed geologist shall complete, biennially, 24 units of continuing education as a condition of license renewal. The licensee is responsible for retaining all certificates and documentation of participation in approved continuing education programs. Upon request, such documentation shall be made available to the Board for random post renewal audit and verification purposes. A continuing education unit is equivalent to one contact hour (60 minutes), subject to the Board's review. The preparing of original lectures, seminars, or workshops in geology or related subjects shall be granted one (1) contact hour for preparation for each contact hour of presentation. Credit for preparation shall be given for the first presentation only.

After review and discussion, Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dryden, to refer Mark Turner to the hearing officer for hearing scheduling for completing continuing education requirements after the renewal period. The motion carried unanimously.

Kristopher Michael Crist

Mr. Rambo reviewed the audit of Mr. Crist. Mr. Rambo stated that Mr. Crist would be tabled and contacted to request that geologic content be provided for the Geothermal Heating and Cooling course that was 4 PDHs in length.

Gordon Cruickshank

Mr. Rambo reviewed the audit of Mr. Cruickshank. Mr. Rambo stated that he would table his audit and request proof of geologic content for all of the courses that he submitted in connection with his audit.

Paul Stratman

Mr. Rambo reviewed the audit of Mr. Stratman. Mr. Rambo stated that he could approve 16.5 hours that were submitted. Mr. Rambo stated that Mr. Stratman submitted one course outside of the audit period and that he had 13 hours of courses/webinars that the geologic content could not be determined. Mr. Rambo stated that he was deficient 7.5 hours and needed to supply proof of geologic content for the courses/webinars and tabled the audit until further documentation was supplied.

David Wunsch

Mr. Schenck recused himself from the discussion and vote on Mr. Wunsch's audit. Mr. Reinhold reviewed the audit of Mr. Wunsch. Mr. Reinhold stated that Mr. Wunsch met the CE requirements. Mr. Reinhold made a motion, seconded by Ms. LaFate, to approve the audit of Mr. Wunsch. The motion carried by majority with Mr. Schenck recused.

Michael Hertz

Mr. Rambo reviewed the audit of Mr. Hertz. Mr. Rambo stated that Mr. Hertz provided ten hours of professional meetings which were work related activities. The intent of the professional meetings was for the attendances of professional society meetings not work related meetings. Mr. Rambo stated that the meetings Mr. Hertz was claiming were work related meetings in which he met with clients to discuss projects that his company was hired to complete. Mr. Dryden questioned if Mr. Rambo, Mr. Reinhold, and Mr. Schenck would consider it a professional meeting if the three of them got together and discussed geologic topics. Mr. Reinhold stated that he would not consider it a professional meeting or worthy of CE credit unless one of them was teaching a topic and invited others to attend to learn about a topic, and they left the meeting enriched, and educated on a particular topic. Ms. LaFate stated that she felt that Mr. Hertz was trying to claim CE credit for a business meeting and that nothing was being taught. Mr. Rambo stated that the audit of Mr. Hertz would be tabled and Ms. McAtee would request additional information and explanation for the Board to review.

Andrew David Klingbeil

Mr. Rambo reviewed the audit of Mr. Klingbeil. Mr. Rambo stated that Mr. Klingbeil met the CE requirements. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to approve the audit of Mr. Klingbeil. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McAtee requested that the Board amend the agenda to discuss the audit of Steven Cahill. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reinhold, to amend the agenda to discuss to audit of Mr. Cahill. The motion carried unanimously.

Steven Cahill

Mr. Schenck stated that the audit of Mr. Cahill had been tabled at the last meeting. Since the last meeting Mr. Cahill had responded to Ms. McAtee's request for additional information. Mr. Schenck reviewed the correspondence that Mr. Cahill had submitted since the last meeting.

Mr. Schenck stated that Mr. Cahill had submitted 4 groups of CE:

- 1- Geologic Society meeting 2 days of meetings – claiming as seminars
- 2- 4 hour presentation to RPA, 2 hours of prep, 2 hours of presentation
- 3- 20 hours of professional meetings, meetings with DNREC for projects that he was working on and they truly are business meetings
- 4- 107 hours of peer reviewed publications, look up definition, peer review by other members (other peers) of a publication that is then printed and released to the public. His "peer reviewed" publications are his papers that he was paid to write by his company, that was not a peer reviewed publication.

Mr. Schenck stated there was a 12 hour cap on seminar and professional meetings. Mr. Cahill was claiming credit for Geologic Society meetings under the seminar category which would then be maxed out and then he could not claim the 4 hours for his presentation. Mr. Schenck stated that if the 12 hours for the Geologic Society meetings were moved to the professional activities category then Mr. Cahill could also claim the 4 hours for the presentation. Mr. Cahill made a presentation to the RPA Technical Advisory Committee for New Castle County and he attached to his audit what that presentation contained. The presentation was for the Walker Farm hydrologic and environmental impact study for property in a water resource protection area. Mr. Cahill had requested 4 hours for that presentation; if the board granted 4 hours for that presentation then he had 16 CE hours total.

Mr. Schenck stated that he had credit for 4 hours for the presentation category, 12 hours for Geologic Society meetings under the professional activities category, then that equaled 16 CE hours total, and he was still deficient 8 hours.

Mr. Schenck stated that he would table the discussion so that Ms. McAtee could contact him explaining the deficiency.

Continued Discussion of Continuing Education Credits – Research / Grants and Repetitive Courses

Ms. Kelly stated that she had not changed much in this section of the rules and regulations but she recalled that the Board wanted to discuss this area once the audits were completed. The topic was tabled and would be discussed at the August 14, 2015 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Practice Under Supervision – None

Review of Continuing Education Approval Applications

Luke Portieles

“2015 Groundwater Symposium” May 6, 2015, Requesting 5.0 CEUs

Mr. Schenck stated that he reviewed the continuing education request from Luke Portieles. Mr. Schenck stated that he could confirm 5 hours of continuing education under presentations and seminars. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Ms. LaFate, to approve the continuing education request from Mr. Portieles for 5 hours of continuing education. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Application for Reciprocity – None

Review of Applications for Examination – None

Board Deliberation and Vote on Hearing Officer Recommendations – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

Mr. Schenck stated that the Board could make a nomination to ASBOG to serve on the executive committee of ASBOG and that nominations closed on June 30, 2015. Mr. Schenck stated that there were membership activities of ASBOG and that this Board was a member of ASBOG. Mr. Rambo stated he would check to see if he would be able to serve and would let Ms. McAtee know.

The Board would be moving their November meeting from the 13th to the 6th because of the ASBOG annual meeting which would take place in Wilmington, Delaware this year.

WALL CERTIFICATES

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reinhold, to adjourn the meeting at 1213: p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda McAtee
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.